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(b) whether the Government are making any provision for a contingency when decontrol orders are likely to be reversed; and

(c) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, (i) the number of officers, (ii) the number of clerks and peons and (iii) the number of chowkidars, who will be thrown out of Government service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Only a part of the Civil Supplies staff comprising of 4,452 posts, was retrenched up to 15th October 1952 in the Civil Supplies Department as a result of decontrol. It is not possible now to state, what quantum of staff will be retrenched hereafter, as this will depend on the food position in the State and the need for the continuance of fair price shops, etc.

" (b) Such a contingency is not anticipated at present. Apart from this, only a part of the Civil Supplies staff has been retrenched and not the entire staff. The strength of the Civil Supplies staff can therefore be varied according to the needs of the situation from time to time.

" (c) The information regarding the number of officers, clerks, peons, etc., already retrenched after the decontrol policy was announced, has already been furnished in reply to another question answered on the floor of this House. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement placed on the table of the House with reference to Starred Question No. 213 answered on 2nd December 1952. As already stated, it is not possible now to say whether any more persons and if so how many in each category of staff will be thrown out in the future."

*Representations from the agricultural labourers of Gannavaram taluk for assignment of lands.*

* 473 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any application from the agricultural labourers of Ogirala of Gannavaram taluk, Krishna district, for the assignment of R.S. No. 1 of the village;

(b) if so, when it was received and what action has been taken by the Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Krishna district objected and threatened the agricultural labourers not to encroach upon the land to cultivate it;

(d) whether it is a fact that the agricultural labourers of the village levelled the field, arranged the bunds and furrowed the lands for cultivation and if so, when it was done; and

(e) whether the Collector took action against the landlords who encroached upon the above land after the agricultural labourers had left?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(a) No; but a petition, dated 27th July 1952, from the agricultural labourers was, however, received by the Collector of Krishna.

"(b) Does not arise.

"(c) No.

"(d) No.

"(e) The agricultural labourers did not cultivate the lands. No action was taken against the landlords (ryots) as they were in occupation of the lands under pattas granted by the landholder of the village and as the village was covered by the injunction orders of the High Court under the Estates Abolition Act, 1948."

*Hostel for the students of Law College.*

* 474 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total strength of the students of the Law College in the year 1952–53;

(b) the net surplus income available from the Law College during the academic year 1951–52;

(c) whether Government have got figures of students who are not lodging with their guardians in the City; or in any recognized hostel or lodge; and

(d) whether any representations have been received from the students of the Law College requesting the Government to provide a hostel for them and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education) :—" (a) 1,260.

"(b) Rs. 95,704.

"(c) Yes, about 700 students.

"(d) Representations have been received from the students. The Government are actively considering the question of providing hostel facilities. I may invite the Member's attention to my answer to question No. 128-A[a]."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

## II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* CLOSURE OF THE SHORANUR INDUSTRIES, LIMITED, MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni, has given notice of an adjournment motion. It reads as follows :—

**'This House stands adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the closing down of the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, Malabar, on 5th December 1952 by orders of the Government of Madras resulting in unemployment to the workers and grave concern to the public.'**

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[a] **Answered on 25th November 1952.**